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Responsive to the communication entitled "Response to Amendment" dated August 11, 2000, enclosed is a supplemental amendment including the required changes in the above-identified application. No new fee is required.

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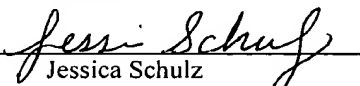
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Communication entitled "Response to Amendment" dated August 11, 2000, claims 8-12 have been amended to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b). Reconsideration is requested in this Supplemental Response to Office Action.

In the Claims

8. ~~(Twice Amended) A quick release attachment system for coupling a hand of a skier to a ski pole, comprising:~~

- ~~a ski pole grip having a front side and back side, joined by opposite lateral sides and having a cross-sectional shape sized so that the hand of the skier can be wrapped around the ski pole grip in a gripping manner;~~
- ~~a pin attached to the hand of a skier;~~
- ~~an attachment mechanism disposed within the ski pole grip for receiving and locking the pin to the ski pole grip;~~
- ~~an ejection mechanism;~~
- ~~an elongated channel extending in a horizontal direction into the front side of the ski pole grip substantially above the hand of the skier while said hand is wrapped around the ski pole grip, so that the pin can insert horizontally into the channel and engage with the attachment mechanism while moving the ejection mechanism into a cocked position; and~~